



RESEARCH PROTECTIONS UPDATE



News and Comments on the Protection of Human Subjects in Navy and Marine Corps Research

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DON HRPP SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Benilda P. Pooser is the Deputy Director for the Office of Naval Research (ONR), Research Protections Division (RPD). In this role, Dr. Pooser provides leadership and subject matter expertise to the Department of the Navy Human Research Protection Program (DON HRPP) and ONR RPD for human research protection programs at the Systems Commands, operational forces, training commands, and for DON-supported research. Dr. Pooser has 20 years of experience in human research protections, overseeing the human research protection programs at the University of Georgia (UGA) and Clemson University. At UGA, she led the successful initial accreditation of their HRPP through the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs. She obtained her Doctorate in Animal Physiology and Master's Degree in Animal & Food Industries from Clemson University.



Dr. Pooser joined ONR in late Spring 2023. Some of you may have already had a chance to meet and interact with her as she has been a member of the DON HRPP team for a number of visits. Dr. Pooser said that she is in awe of the type of human research being conducted at Navy commands. Aware of the delicate balance between advancing research for the warfighter advantage and subject protections, she commends the commitment and engagement of the commands and their HRPP leadership, the Institutional Review Board members, and researchers to put the safety and welfare of the research participants first and foremost.

In the last newsletter, CDR Haran emphasized the importance of continuous learning to *Get Real, Get Better*. To this, Dr. Pooser's message to the commands is to take advantage of the resources and support that are made available, such as the new DON HRPP Command Learn and Share Series (CLaSS) initiative. There are three ways for commands to get involved with CLaSS: as a presenter, make your voice heard by suggesting topics for discussion, and attend the event. She hopes to see you all at the first CLaSS!

COMMAND LEARN AND SHARE SERIES

We've heard you loud and clear! Based on our interactions with you and your request for more opportunities for collaborations, we'd like to introduce you to the newest DON HRPP initiative: the CLaSS, where you, the commands, will have a chance to share your best practices and interact with each other, all to *Get Real, Get Better*! These CLaSSes are intended to increase engagement across and within the Navy and Marine Corps HRPPs by covering a variety of topics that you and your peers are most interested in.

So now's the time to suggest topics you want covered and start considering if you would like to be a CLaSS guest presenter to share your expertise with your peers!

Keep an eye out for the first CLaSS invite and additional information from your DON HRPP point of contact later this quarter. For any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

DON HRPP and NAMRU SOUTH collaborated on an abstract, "Considerations of Justice, Culture, and Beneficence for DoD Global Health Engagement," which was recently accepted for a poster presentation at the Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS). This poster will be presented as part of the Global Health Engagement Research in Combatant Commands breakout session, scheduled for Wednesday, 28 August, 1000-1200.

MHSRS is scheduled for 26-29 August at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee, FL. We hope to see you there!

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

The Department of Defense Office for Human Research Protections will be hosting the following sessions:

SHERIFF: 17-18 September 2024

DoD HRPP Training Days: 25-26 September 2024

Details to follow.

The 2024 Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research Annual Conference will be held in Seattle, Washington on 17-20 November.

Registration is now open at: <https://primr24.eventscribe.net/>

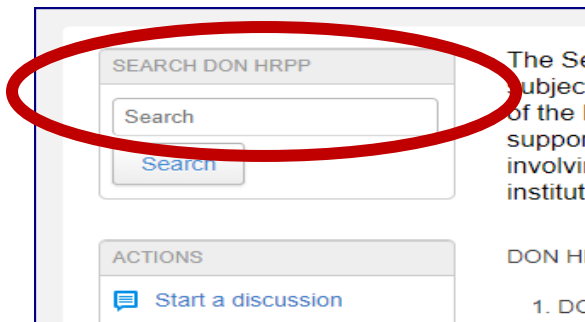
THE DON HRPP milSuite GROUP

Purpose

The DON HRPP milSuite group provides users access to guidance, forms, templates, announcements, newsletters, and other resources. Users can also post questions or discussions that group members can respond to, as well as share their knowledge and experiences.

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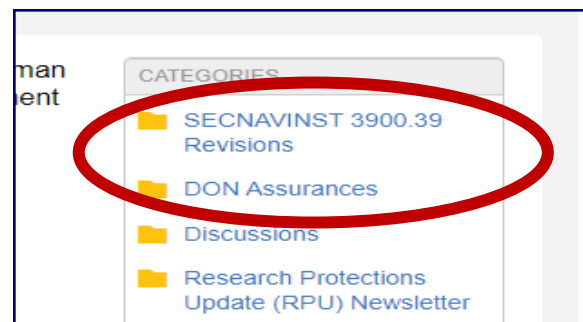
If you know what document you're searching for, you can use the search bar in the upper left corner to find it! (see image below)



New Information

Two new document categories have been added to the milSuite Group:

- ♦ **SECNAVINST 3900.39 Revisions:** Currently contains the request for command feedback on the SECNAVINST 3900.39E and the comment form. Future updates about the SECNAVINST 3900.39E revision will be available here.
- ♦ **DON Assurances:** All current templates and guidance documents regarding DON assurances are now included in this new category. (see image below)



Receive milSuite Updates via Email

If you would you like to receive an email alert when a new document or discussion is added to the milSuite group, please follow the steps below:

Part A: To receive notice of group changes in your milSuite inbox.

1. Visit the DON HRPP milSuite group page at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/don-hrpp>. If you are not a member of the group, you may request membership using this link.
2. In the upper right corner of the group page, click the gray button that says "follow" or "following in 1 stream."
3. In the dropdown, select both "Following" and "Inbox" and then click "Done." (see image right)

Part B: To receive email notifications of items in your milSuite inbox.

1. Above the gray button that says "follow," click your user avatar.
2. In the dropdown, click "Preferences."
3. For the option "Receive notifications?" select "Yes."
4. For the option "Inbox", check "Email."

